



# Your Future and Choices

DIRECTION AND DESTINATIONS DAY 2020



## What is Directions & Destinations ?

- Directions and Destinations is an opportunity for you to consider your next & future steps towards a fulfilling career.
- You can find out and ask questions about future qualifications you might need.
- You can explore College and University Options
- You can speak to and engage with employers, discovering key information about organisations, career pathways and ultimately what you will need to get the job.

## What happens on the day ?

- Directions & Destinations is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March
- Normal timetable will collapse.
- You will be given a “Time Sheet” by your Tutor which identifies the registration session you are in, and your work shop and exhibition times.
- Registration is in the MAIN HALL, at your allocated Session Time.
  - Session 1 Registration: 9.30 (session finishes at 11.30)
  - Session 2 Registration: 11.00 (session finishes at 13.00)
- Wear either your uniform OR smart business wear (Trousers, Shirt, Tie, Shoes)
- Arrive Promptly at registration and follow your plan
- Your behaviour at the event is expected to be exemplary

# Aims of D&D ...

What are my choices at:



GCSES (14+)

A levels, college, training, apprenticeships  
(16+)

Job, Apprenticeship, University, Further Education  
& Training (18+)

In Year 10, you need to be carefully thinking about your next step 16+.

What do I want to do after GCSE's, what do I need to do to achieve my "Dream Job" ?



# Choices at 16+

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After GCSEs **there are three main pathways to choose from** and making the decision between the different pathways needs careful thought.

**Option 1: General academic** e.g. A-Levels (offered at schools and colleges).

**Option 2: Vocational study**, related to a broad employment area (such as business, engineering, IT, health and social care) or through a 'vocational course' that leads to specific jobs (such as hairdressing, accounting, professional cookery or plumbing).

**Option 3: Work-based: e.g. apprenticeships** (learning on the job but also with a learning provider).

The pathway you choose will be based on the following:

- What GCSE grades you have achieved.
- How you like to learn.
- Where and what you would like to study later.
- What job/career you would like in the future.

# How can D&D Help me decide ?

16+

- Speak to the Colleges –
  - What courses do they offer ?
  - What are GCSE grades do I need to access the for courses I may be interested in ?
  - What Apprenticeships do the Colleges offer ? What Grades do I need ?
  - How do I apply ?
  - How can I find an employer for an apprenticeship ?
  - How is College different to school ?
- Speak to the Universities –
  - What courses do they offer ?
  - What A Levels should I pick ?
  - What Grades do I need in GCSE and A Level ?
  - What Degree should I study for a career in XXXXXXXX ?
- Speak to Employers –
  - What qualifications do I need for this job / organisation ?
  - Are there specific grades / course choices they would prefer ?
  - Do I need to have a degree ?
  - Are there apprenticeship opportunities within your organisation ?

# Key areas to investigate on Friday.....

16+

## **A Level Choices**

If you feel A Levels or Level 3 qualifications are the right choice for you post 16. You should use D&D as an opportunity to start thinking about your A Level choices.

The GCSE subjects and importantly your grades will influence the A Levels you can choose. Now is the time to find out about your options.

The A Levels you choose will have an impact on your future career routes and university courses you can access. The Video Clip should give you some points to think about.

<http://university.which.co.uk/advice/a-level-choices/six-things-you-need-to-know-before-making-your-a-level-choices>

Use D&D to help you determine the A Levels you may wish to choose.....

# Key areas to investigate on Friday.....Vocational Study

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**If A Levels are not the right for you, vocational education may well be the right choice.**

Vocational qualifications come in many forms, but the most common choices are:

- NVQ Qualifications (Plumbing, Electrical, Construction, Catering etc.)
- BTEC Diploma (2 or 3 A Level equivalent course that equate to GCSE & A Level Study)

**The Levels:**

**Level 1: GCSE Equivalent D to G**

**Level 2: GCSE Equivalent C to A**

**Level 3: A Level Equivalent**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmSzMOA0AYE>



# Key areas to investigate on Friday.....Apprenticeships

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## What are apprenticeships?

An apprenticeship combines learning and working. Apprenticeships offer structured courses of study that lead to qualifications whilst actually working and being paid to do a job. Anyone aged 16 or over can apply for an apprenticeship. They last a minimum of 12 months to 4 years, and are available in 170 industries. Apprenticeships can lead on to Higher Education or full-time employment.

## Types of apprenticeship:

Intermediate - equivalent to 5 GCSE passes

Advanced - equivalent to 2 A-levels

Higher - can lead to NVQ level 4 or above, or to a foundation degree.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKCizoeKfLg>

# Choices at 18+



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You will need to stay in education and training until you are 18. Choices at 18 + become broader. In Year 9, this seems a very long way away. However, it can be very exciting and motivating to start thinking about this now. The options commonly include:

- University
- Further Education - College
- Apprenticeship
- Employment
- Gap Year

# How can D&D Help me decide ?

18+

- Speak to the Colleges –
  - What courses do they offer post 18 ?
  - What GCSE grades and Level 3 qualifications do I need ?
  - What Apprenticeships do the Colleges offer ? What Grades do I need ?
  - How do I apply ?
  - How can I find an employer for an apprenticeship ?
  - How is College different to school ?
- Speak to the Universities –
  - What courses do they offer ?
  - What A Level / Level 3 qualifications do I need ?
  - What Grades do I need in GCSE and A Level ?
  - What Degree should I study for a career in XXXXXXXX ?
- Speak to Employers –
  - What qualifications do I need for this job / organisation ?
  - Are there specific grades / course choices they would prefer ?
  - Do I need to have a degree ?
  - Are there apprenticeship opportunities within your organisation ?